

SANTA ROSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) TASK FORCE MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2001

Chief John Reble called meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present

Chief John Reble
Chief Bob Minshull
Bob Murphy
Chief David Burnett
Chief Bill Markopoulos
Bobby Busby
Dominic Persichini

Members Absent

Chief Tony Simmons
Dr. Wes Mathews

Staff Present

Peggy McDonald
Sheryl Bracewell
Dave Ling
Rick Schuster

Visitors Present

Don Salter, Commissioner
Kay Martin
Richard Collins

Agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes of December 21, 2000 were approved as submitted.

Chief Reble passed out updated Analysis of Emergency Medical Calls by Fire District with corrections.

The committee received a packet of the EMS Task Force Meetings that were advertised since July 2000. There was discussion concerning the newspapers they were advertised in each month.

Chief Reble stated the study of the six key components are largely completed.

Chief Reble stated that the first key component was Public Education and ask for input from the committee as to means of quantifying existing efforts in this area.

Chief Reble stated that many aspects of public education are currently included in presentations given by EMS, 911, Emergency Management, local fire departments and civic groups in the County.

There was discussion on the adequacy of existing public education efforts and CPR Training and availability of CPR Providers.

Mrs. Bracewell asked the committee if they would like for her to call Mrs. Dianne Wright and ask her if she knows of any national standards for public education and CPR Training.

Chief Reble asked Mrs. Bracewell and Mr. Murphy to find as much data as they could on CPR Training. He asked the committee to consider what total would they like to target for CPR Training for the year.

Mr. Persichini said that he believed that EMS and the health department teach roughly 500 a year in Santa Rosa County.

Mr. Murphy informed the committee the procedures that Baptist Hospital go through when teaching CPR and ALS training.

Chief Markopoulos asked how many med calls are run each month.

Mrs. Bracewell said there were 1500 or more a month.

Chief Markopoulos asked where do they have the most cardiac arrests in the area?

Chief Reble stated that he assumed that nursing homes would have most of them.

Mrs. Bracewell said that the nursing homes often do not want dispatch to give them instructions on CPR for the patient during the call.

Chief Reble explained that the reason for that was probably that the person that had called was not the one that was attending to the patient at the time. He stated the person calling was usually a member of the office staff.

There was a discussion on the areas where there were more cardiac arrests than others.

Chief Markopoulos suggested that the committee do a report on geography locations where most cardiac arrests occur and direct CPR training in these areas.

Mrs. Bracewell said she would do a report on grids where cardiac arrests occur.

There was discussion on how many nursing homes and adult living facilities there were in Santa Rosa County and their requirements of CPR training and distribution of AEDS to each one.

Chief Reble brought up the concerns of addressing when EMS and Fire Departments respond to medical calls and there was discussion.

There was discussion concerning motorists pulling over when emergency vehicles are responding to an emergency call.

Mrs. Bracewell said she could purchase bumper stickers that say "Pull to the right for sirens and lights" with grant money. She has a grant source for this.

There was discussion to have a two or three counties participate with a public awareness campaign for motorists to pull to the right for emergency vehicles.

Mrs. Bracewell said they could add this to their Red E Fox Presentations.

There was discussion on programs that different agencies were doing on public safety.

Chief Reble asked Mr. Murphy if he could get a report on information that the three trauma centers have on public safety awareness and their activities.

Mr. Persichini informed the committee about Rural Metro checking car seats and showing the parents how to place them in their cars. They do this on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to ask the Board of County Commissioners to have one Commissioner attend these meetings as often as possible so they would be aware of what the committee is doing and how they are progressing.

Mr. Minshull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Minshull suggested that Commissioner Don Salter would be a good one to have attend the meetings because he is safety minded.

Chief Reble explained the flow chart of time the emergency call came in to dispatch and the time the EMS and Fire Departments receive the call.

There was discussion by the committee on the times of the call with the CAD System and the time frame the fire departments are alerted.

The committee agreed to continue this discussion when Mrs. Bracewell was present.

There was discussion concerning the customer satisfaction survey. Chief Reble stated at the next called meeting the committee would work toward setting up a survey.

Mr. Collins presented and discussed various items that he felt might be of interest to the committee.

Mrs. Martin stated her comments would go directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

The next meeting is set for January 18, at 9:00AM in the Santa Rosa County Media Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.